

## AMENDMENTS

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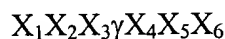
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### I. IN THE CLAIMS

- A. Please amend the following claims by deleting the material in brackets and inserting that which is underlined:

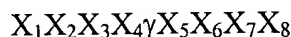
4. (amended) A polyamide of claim 1 having the formula:



wherein  $\gamma$  is [ $-\text{NH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CONH}-$  hairpin linkage derived from  $\gamma$ -aminobutyric acid or] a chiral hairpin linkage derived from R-2,4-diaminobutyric acid; and

[ $X_1/X_2$ ,  $X_3/X_4$ , and  $X_5/X_6$ ]  $X_1/X_6$ ,  $X_2/X_5$ , and  $X_3/X_4$  represent three carboxamide binding pairs which bind DNA base pairs wherein at least one binding pair is Hp/Py or Py/Hp and the other binding pair(s) is(are) selected from the group consisting of Py/Im, Im/Py, and Py/Py to correspond to the DNA base pair in the minor groove to be bound.

5. (amended) A polyamide of claim 1 having the formula:



wherein  $\gamma$  is [ $-\text{NH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CONH}-$  hairpin linkage derived from  $\gamma$ -aminobutyric acid or] a chiral hairpin linkage derived from R-2,4-diaminobutyric acid; and

$X_1/X_8$ ,  $X_2/X_7$ ,  $X_3/X_6$ , and  $X_4/X_5$  represent four carboxamide binding pairs which bind DNA base pairs wherein at least one binding pair is Hp/Py or Py/Hp and the other binding pair(s) is(are) selected from the group consisting of Py/Im, Im/Py, and Py/Py to correspond to the DNA base pair in the minor groove to be bound.